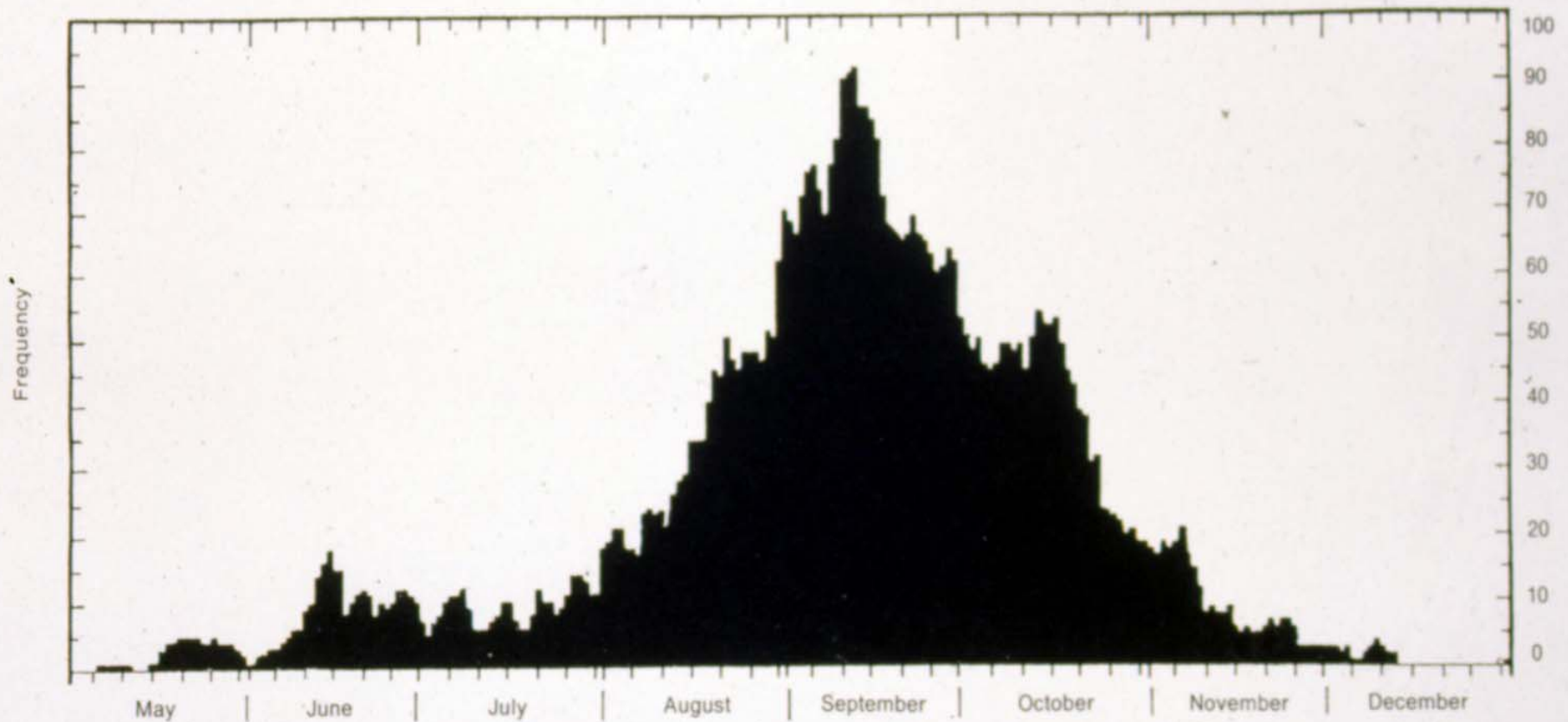


A stylized map of the St. Lucie River and its surrounding areas. The river is depicted in a light blue color, flowing from the top left towards the bottom right. The land areas are shown in a light beige or cream color. The text "THE ST. LUCIE RIVER INITIATIVE" is overlaid on the map in a large, black, serif font. The word "THE" is at the top, followed by "ST. LUCIE RIVER" in the middle, and "INITIATIVE" at the bottom. The text is centered horizontally and partially overlaps the river and the land areas.

# THE ST. LUCIE RIVER INITIATIVE



## SEASONALITY OF TROPICAL STORMS AND HURRICANES







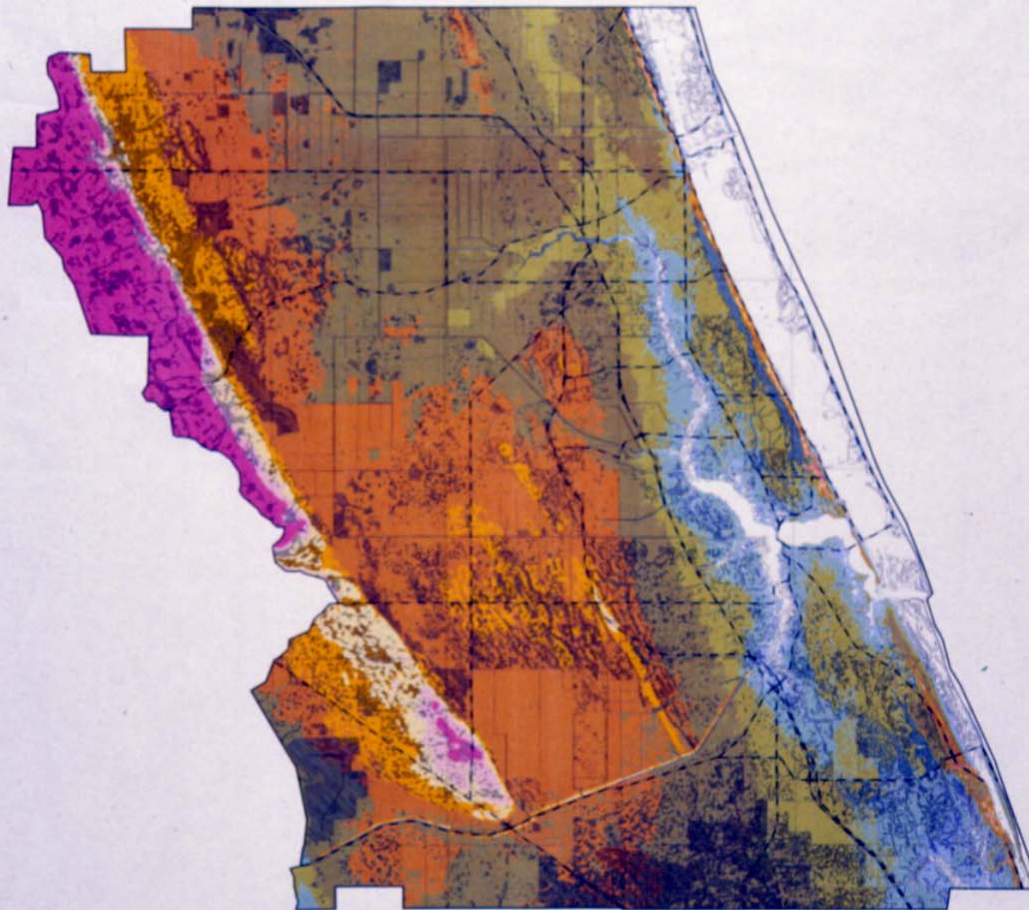






# Upper East Coast Planning Area

## NWI Wetlands - USGS Topography

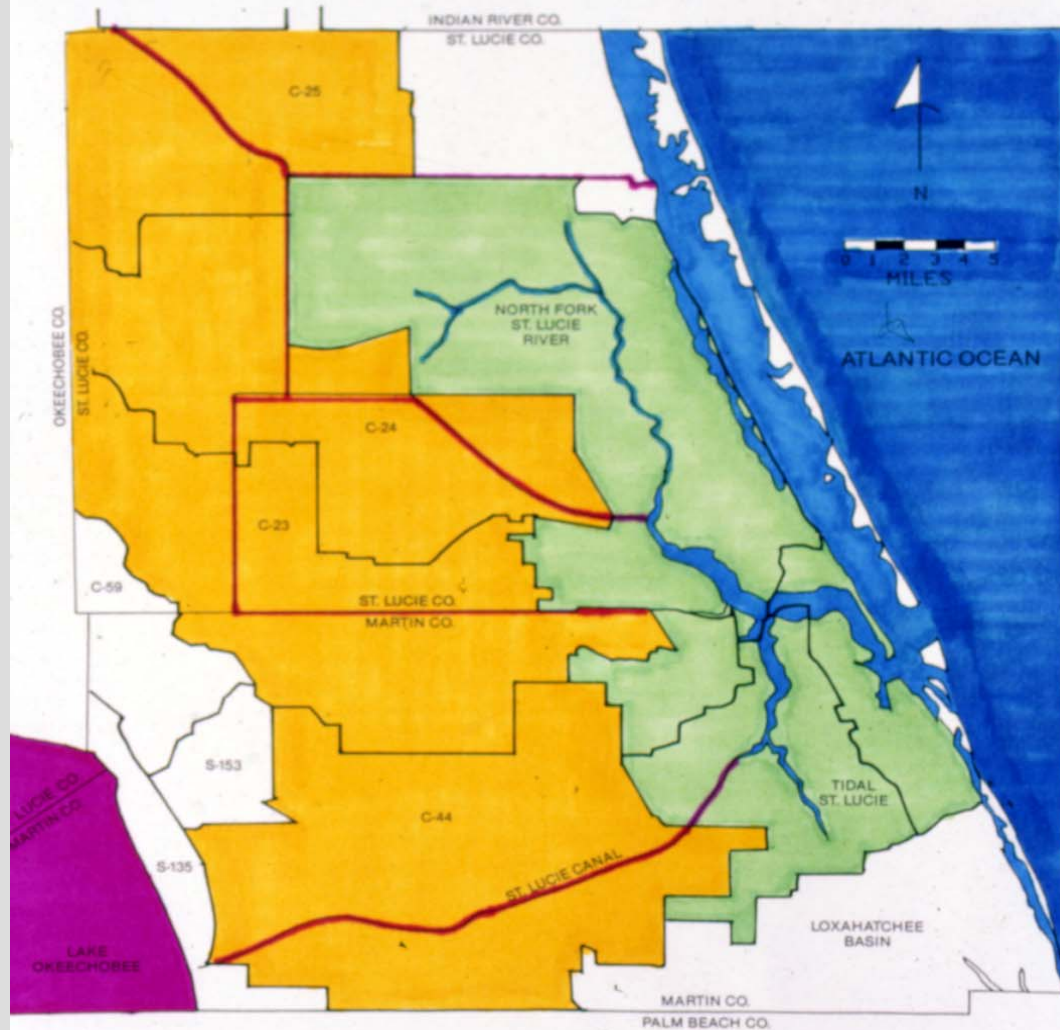


### Legend

- National Wetlands Inventory wetlands
- 0 to 5 feet
- 5 to 10 feet
- 10 to 15 feet
- 15 to 20 feet
- 20 to 25 feet
- 25 to 30 feet
- 30 to 35 feet
- 35 to 40 feet
- 40 to 45 feet
- 45+ feet



# ST. LUCIE ESTUARY: TRIBUTARIES AND DRAINAGE BASINS





# DIRECT DISCHARGES

## MAJOR CANALS AND CONTROL STRUCTURES

SFWMD 1988

CANAL	OUTFALL CONTROL	DESIGN DISCHARGE cfs	PEAK REPORTED cfs	OUTFALL LOCATION
C-24	S-49 Gated Spillway	4,680	3,857	NORTH FORK
C-23	S-48 Gated Spillway	5,035	3,859	BESSEY CREEK; LOWER NORTH FORK
C-44	S-80 Gated Spillway & Locks	16,900	15,000	SOUTH FORK
Sum of Maximum Design Discharges cfs		26,615		



















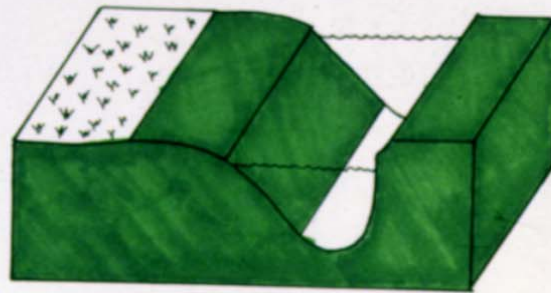






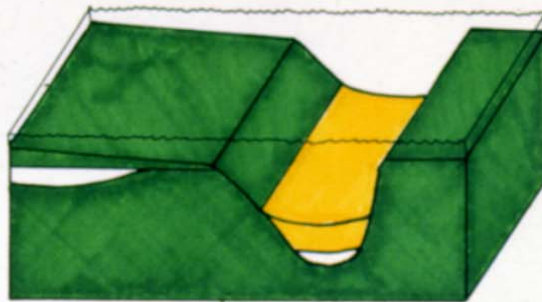


20,000 Years Ago

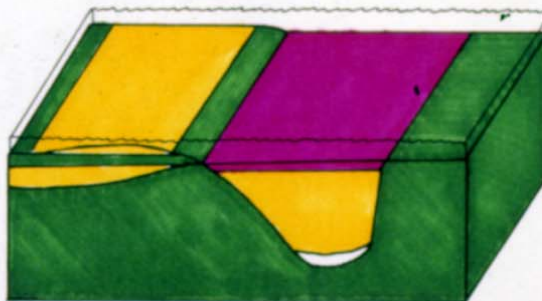


-  Sand
-  Muddy Sand
-  Sandy Mud

5,000 Years Ago



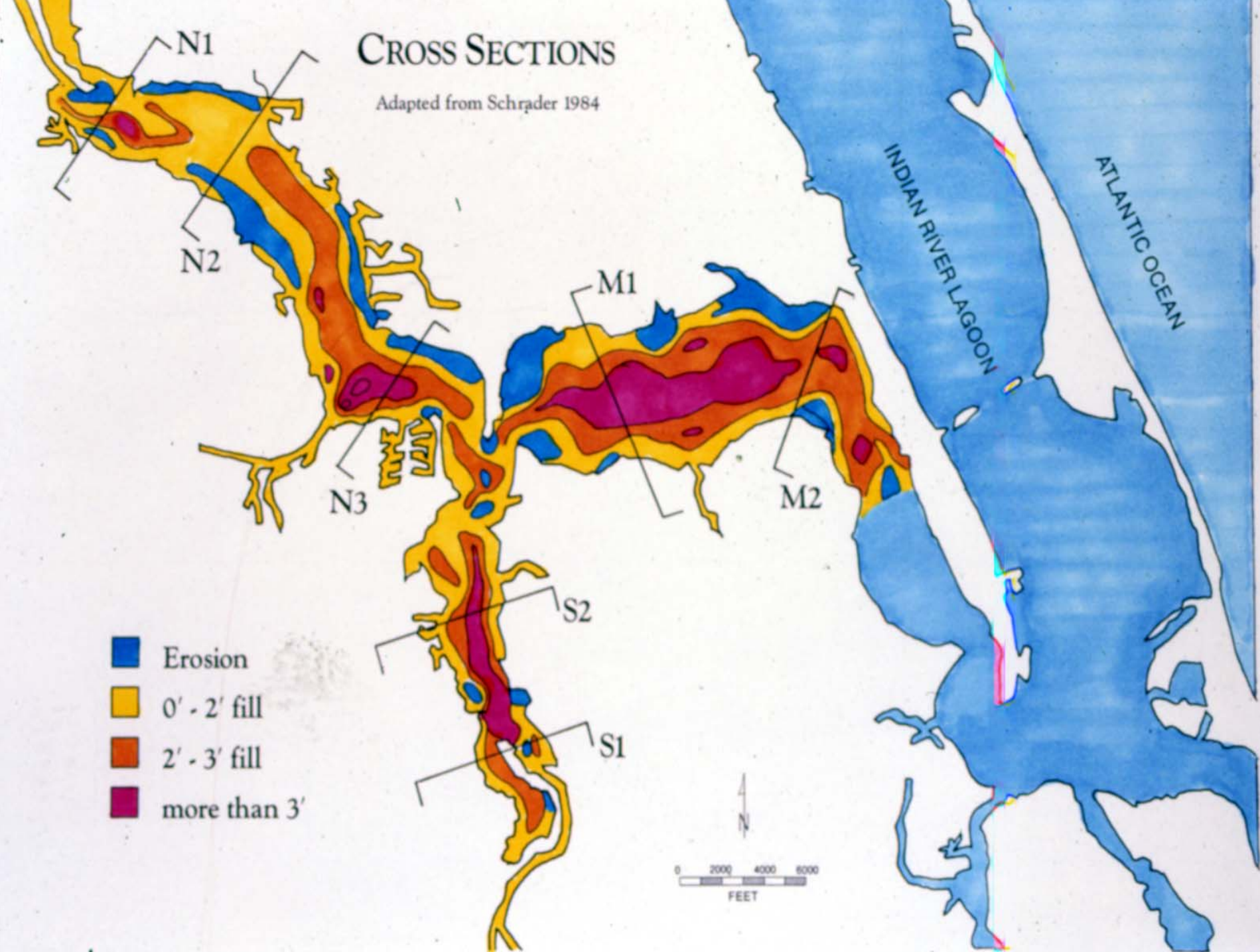
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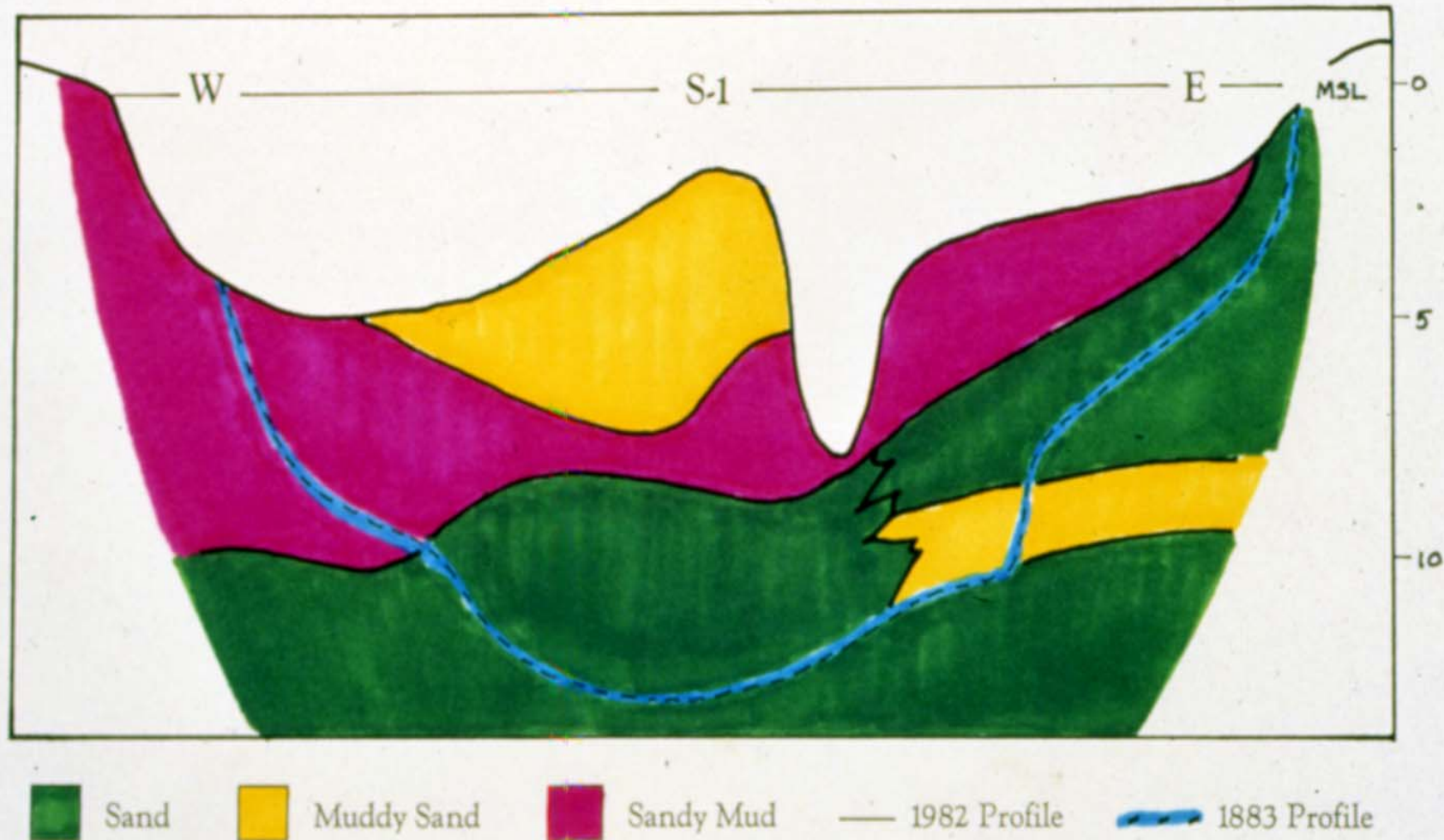
# CROSS SECTIONS

Adapted from Schrader 1984



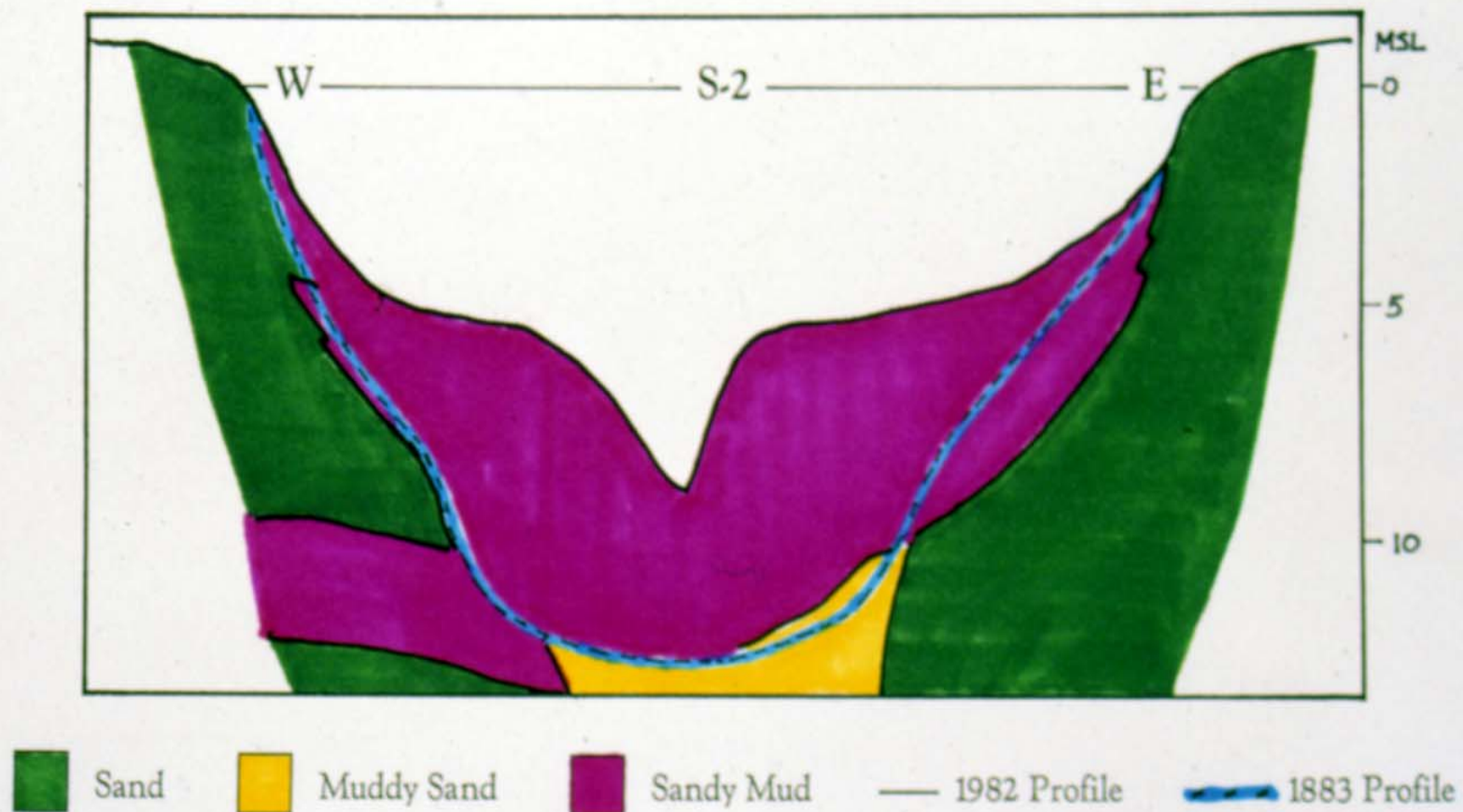


# CROSS SECTION SOUTH SIDE PALM CITY BRIDGE



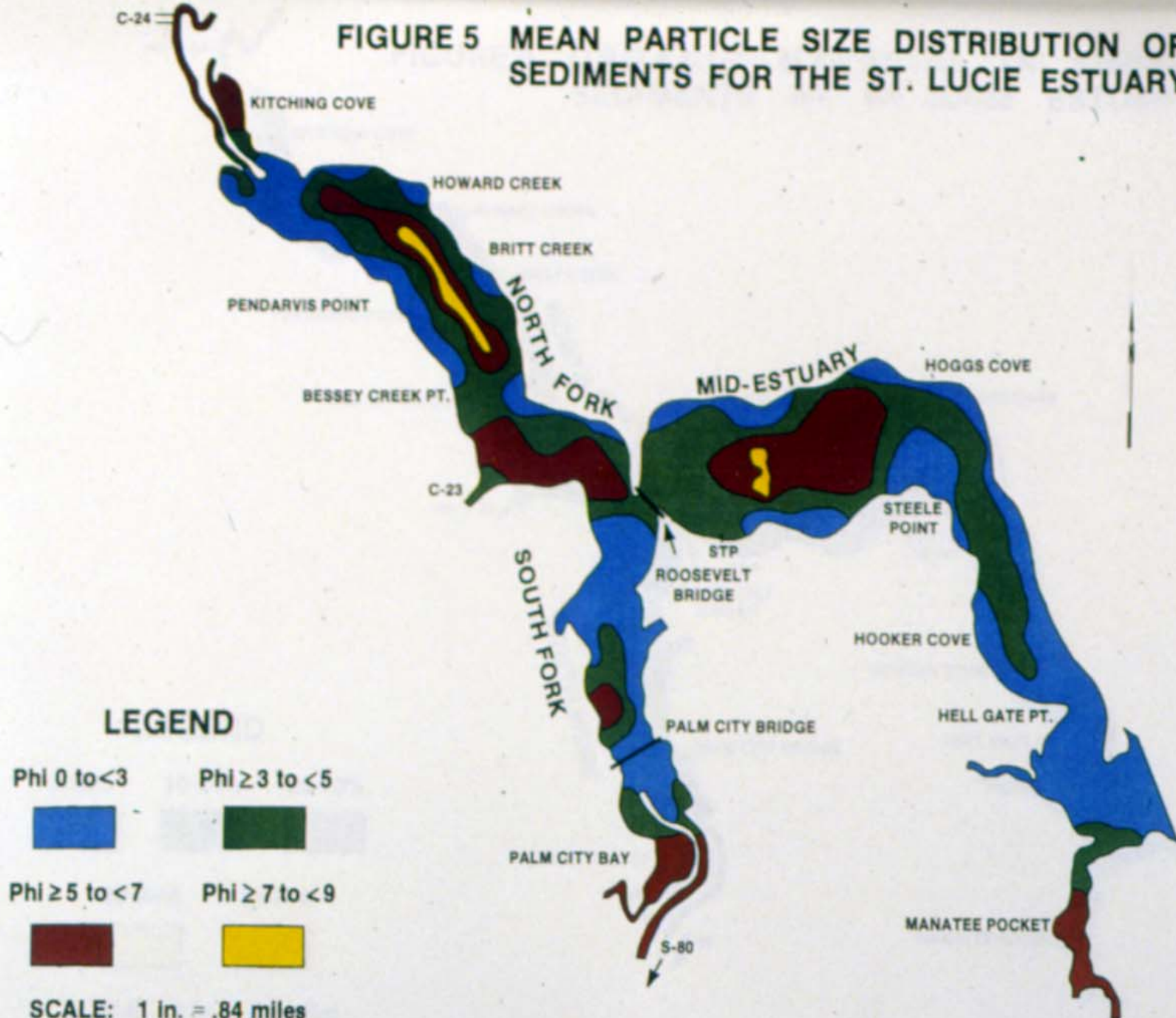


# CROSS SECTION POPLETON CREEK TO PALM CITY





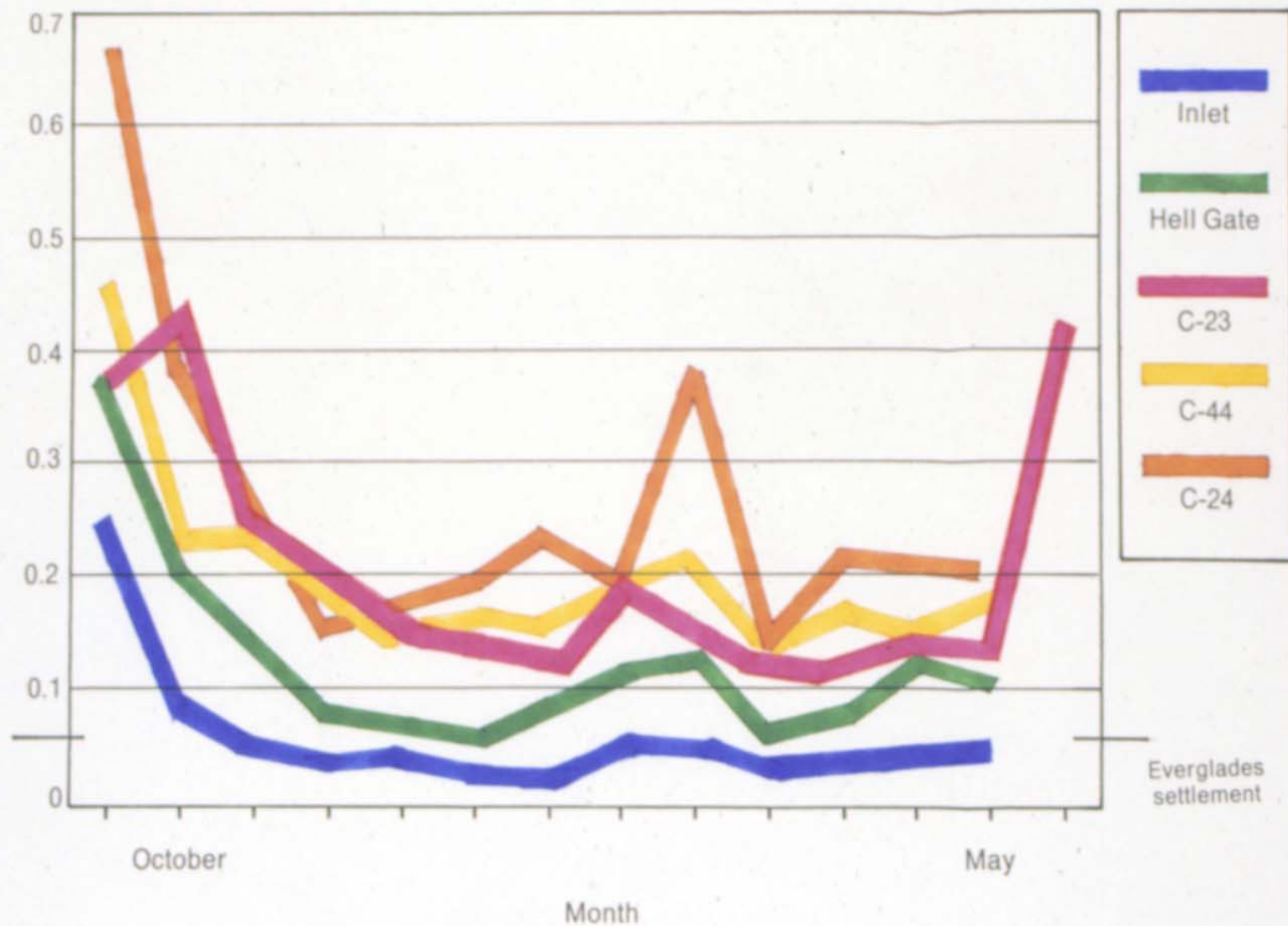
**FIGURE 5 MEAN PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION OF SURFACE SEDIMENTS FOR THE ST. LUCIE ESTUARY**





# ST. LUCIE RIVER

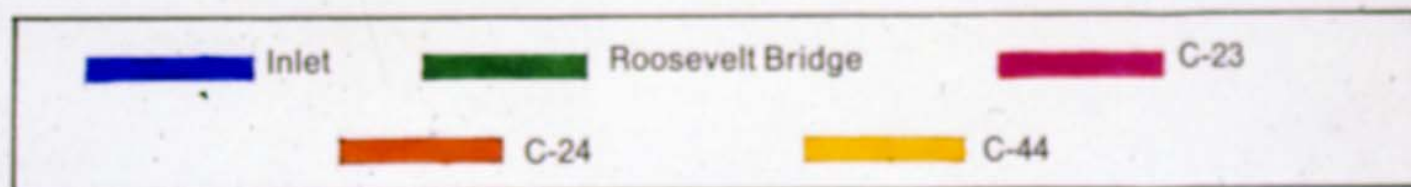
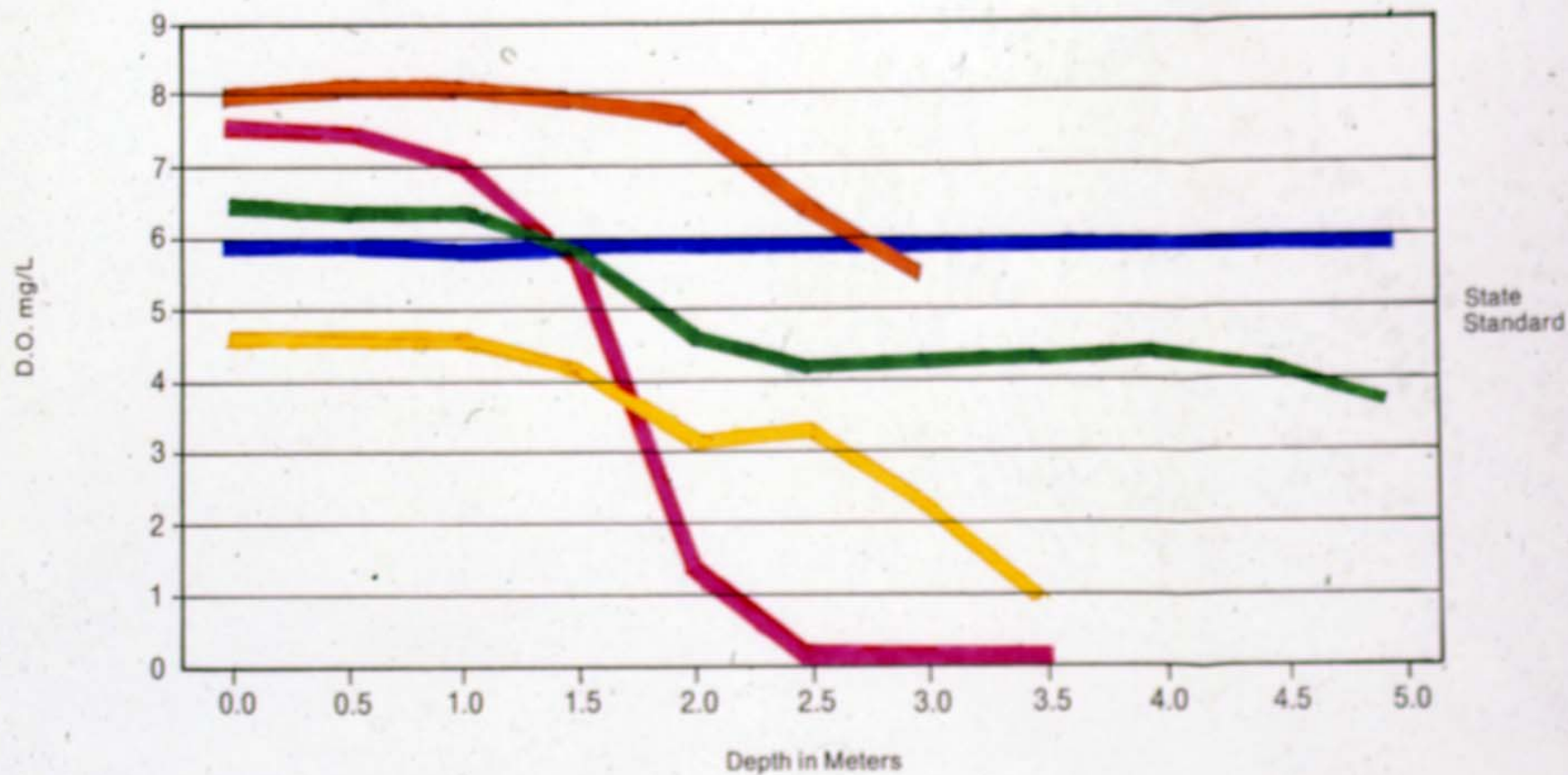
Total Phosphorus Series 10/90 to 5/91  
(SFWMD Raw Data)





# DISSOLVED OXYGEN ST. LUCIE RIVER

May 7, 1991  
(SFWMD Raw Data)

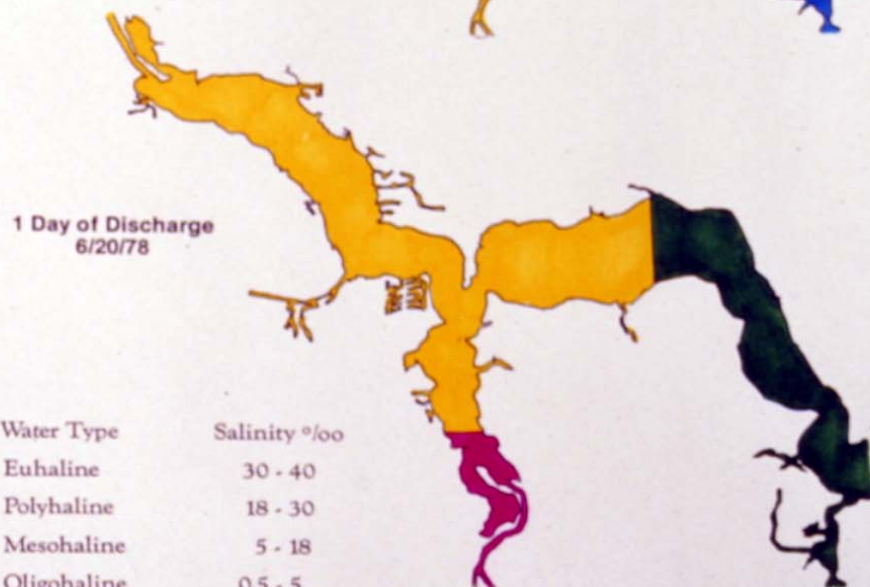








# SALINITY ZONES

## SFWMD 2,500 cfs DISCHARGE STUDY

1985



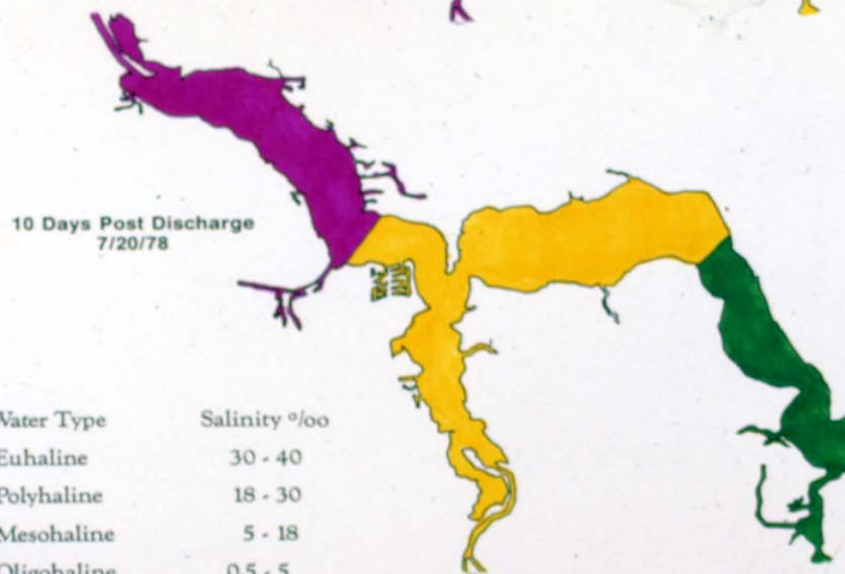
Water Type		Salinity ‰
	Euhaline	30 - 40
	Polyhaline	18 - 30
	Mesohaline	5 - 18
	Oligohaline	0.5 - 5







# SALINITY ZONES

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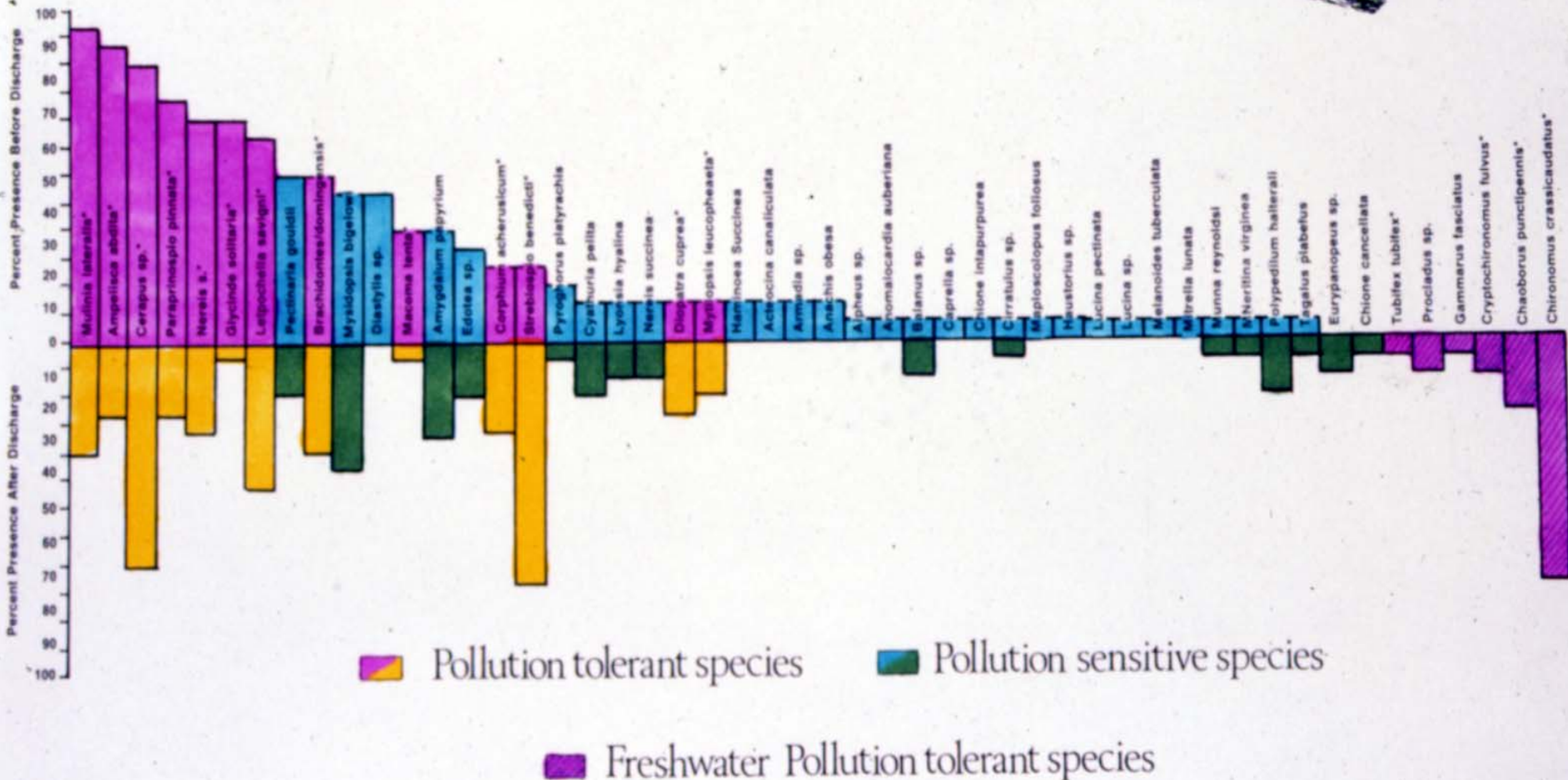
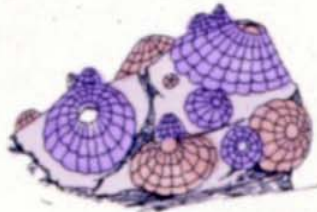
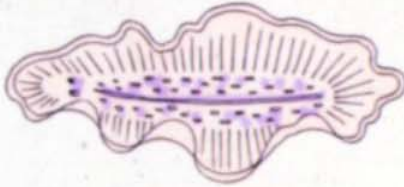
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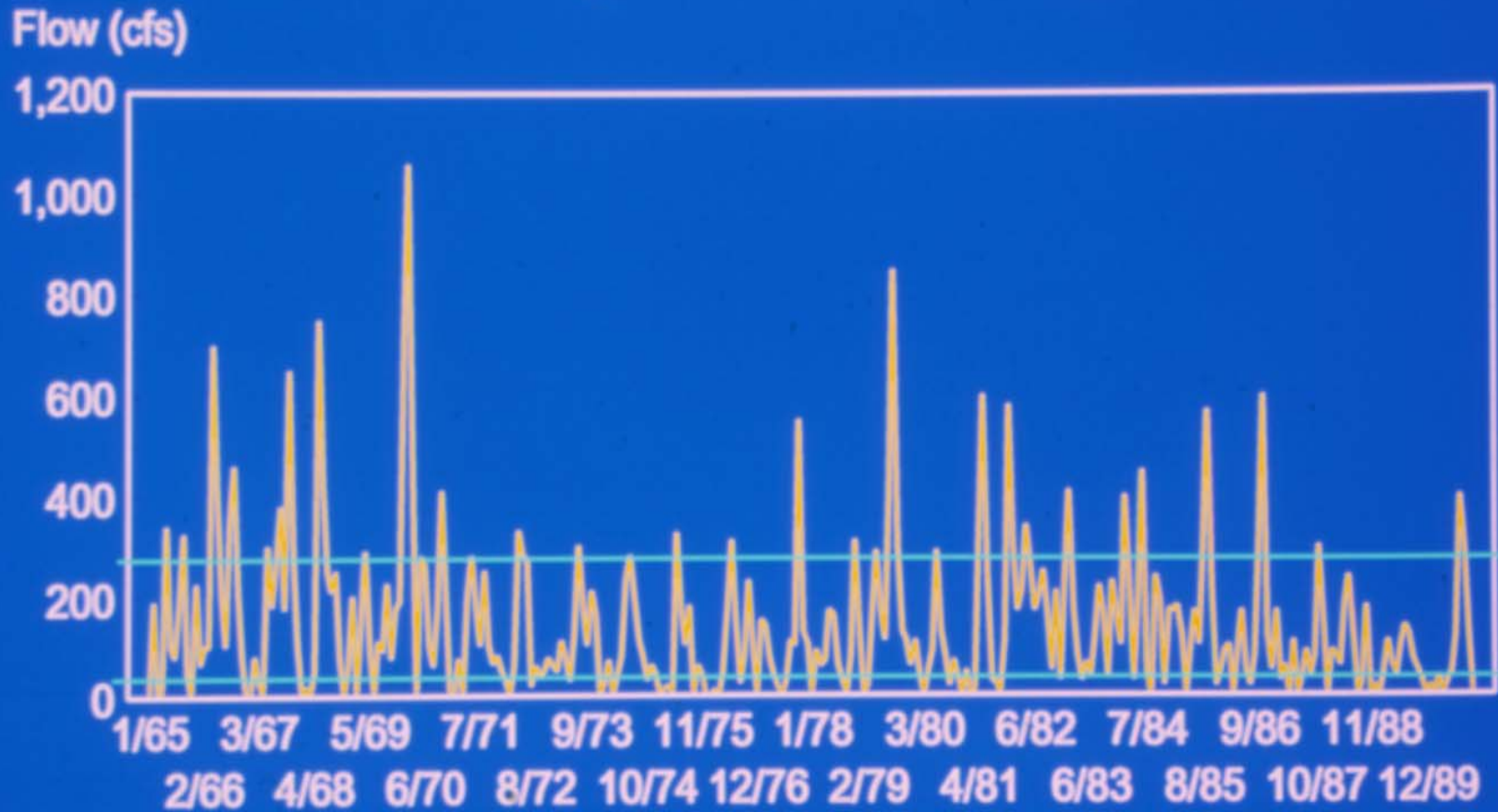


# PERCENT PRESENCE OF BENTHIC SPECIES BEFORE AND AFTER THE 2500 cfs DISCHARGE





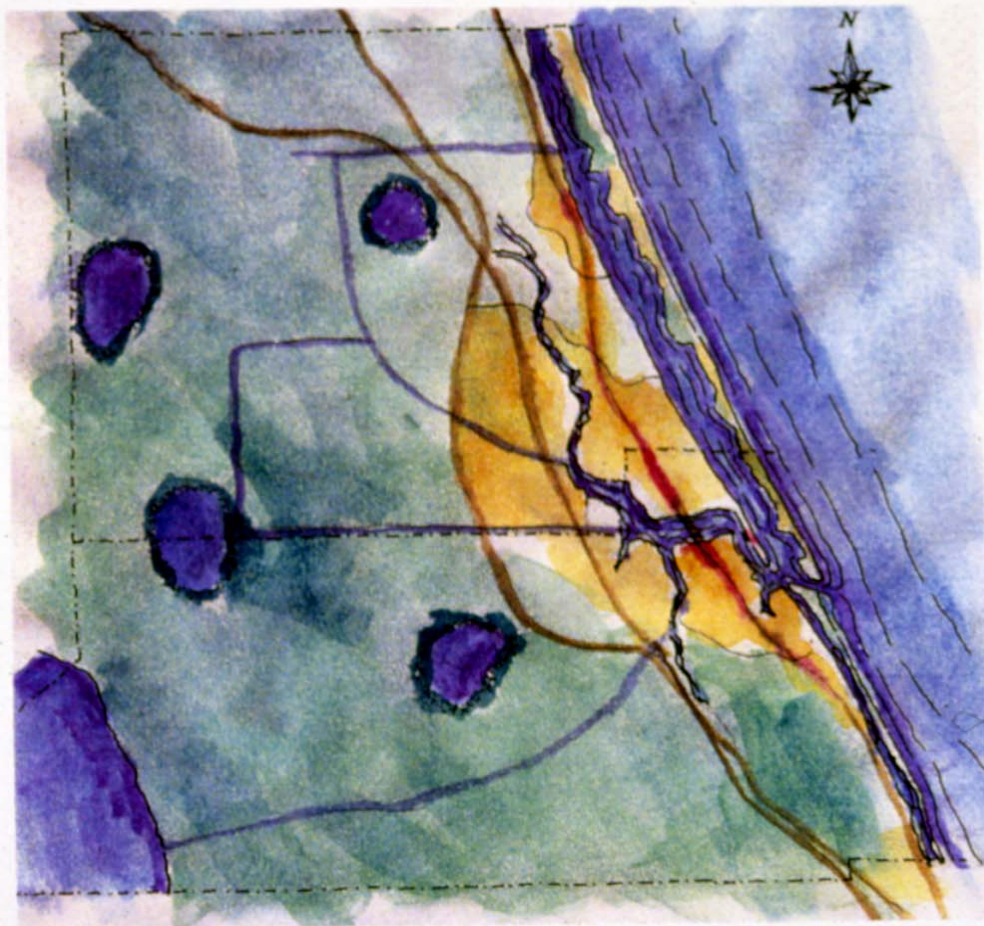
# C-23 Average Monthly Flow w/ Target Inflow Range





# REGIONAL ATTENUATION FACILITY TASK FORCE

DRAFT REPORT  
AUGUST 31, 1995









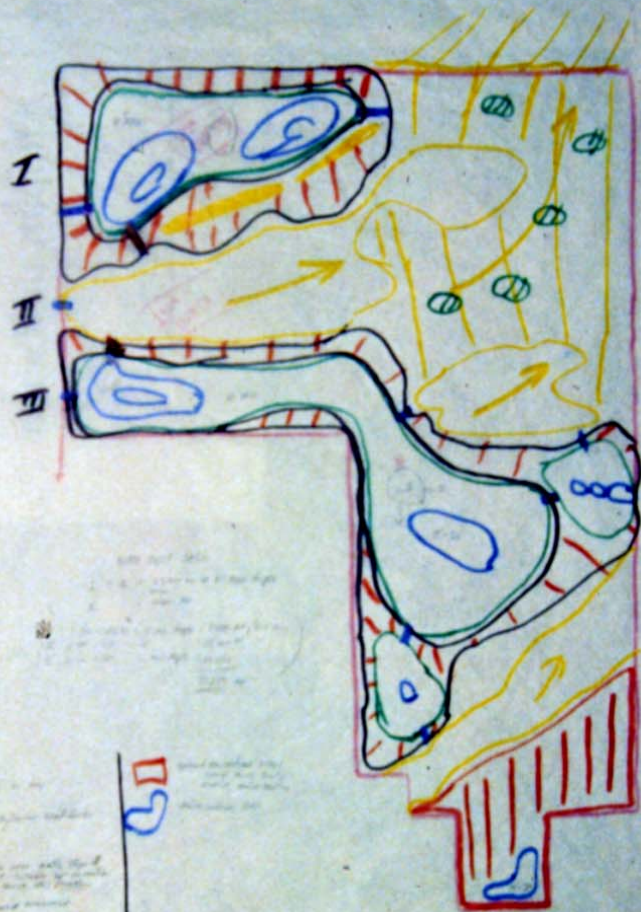








# TABLE 2



Key



Blue circle: ...  
Red circle: ...  
Yellow circle: ...  
Green circle: ...  
Red rectangle: ...





TABLE 2



Key

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TABLE 5

Allapattah Ranch





# Conclusion

- Adequate technical information exists to size and locate WPA's
- Sites are available (i.e. willing sellers)
- Original USACOE estimates appear high
- Most sites would pose some environmental impacts
- Those impacts must be mitigated



# Conclusion (cont'd)

- Benefits have been under estimated  
Costs have been over estimated
- Efforts to improve Lake Okeechobee - Regulation schedule must continue
- Funding sources are available
- Time is right and time is of the essence



# Recommendation

- Public comment should be solicited to reach consensus
- RAFTF Report should be modified and distributed
- Both Martin and St. Lucie County Commissions have extended the 90 day life of the Task Force and asked them to:
  - consider lease purchase options
  - solicit additional willing sellers
  - prepare potential funding arrangements
- Local, state and federal governments need to move forward with acquisition and construction



# PROPOSAL FOR MARTIN AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES

PREPARED FOR:  
 Preserve Area Task Force  
 South Ranch Committee  
 Indian River Initiative  
 Army Corps of Engineers  
 Florida Water Management District

PREPARED BY:  
 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council  
 and  
 Diverse, Kuhl & Partners, Urban Design  
 with the help of many citizens

During the week of March 29 - April 5, 1986, citizens from Martin and St. Lucie Counties joined by a team of federal, regional, and local water management experts and several elected officials to conduct a design charrette. The purpose of this charrette was to create a graphic and written record of the citizens' desires and aspirations for water resources (WFA) in Martin and St. Lucie Counties.

We are large multipurpose water management areas designed to address the much needed need of fresh water now being released at treatment facilities and sent to the St. Lucie and Indian River Lagoons. Such releases are seriously degrading these natural areas by upsetting the balance between salt and fresh water, accelerating the deposition of silt, and by reducing the amount of fresh water that flows into the ground.

The primary purpose of WFA as proposed for Martin and St. Lucie Counties is to improve the health of the Estuary and Lagoons. Other benefits from WFA include: restoration of wildlife habitat, restoration of sediment channels, augmentation of minimum low flows during the dry season to improve sensitive resources, climate benefits, aquifer recharge, protection, and, water supply.



- The Village:  
 Visitor's Center  
 Look-Out Tower  
 Ranger Station  
 Commemorative Stone  
 Boat and Tackle Store  
 Boat Launch  
 Restaurant
- The Lodge
- Youth Camp
- The Ranch
- Panoramic Camping
- Shelter / Pumping Station
- Trail Head Parking

